

April 19th., 19⁰9.

Hon. Thomas G. Greene, Chairman,

Police Committee of the Executive Board.

Dear Sir:-

There has been handed to me by Patrolman James C. Gill of the day relief a report of the following list of houses of ill fame of which I send you a copy.

In regard to the matter I will say that I have reported it to Chief of Police Charles Gritzmacher, and requested him to assist Mr. Gill in every way to close all such places.

I realize that it will be hard to secure either evidence or convictions in such cases for the reason that the District Attorney is prepared to secure indictments against them for trespassing if he can secure any evidence upon which to do so.

However, the duty of the Police department is plain and no matter what the motives which govern the District Attorney may be and it devolves upon them to do their full duty at the same time being fully appraised of the fact that they must use care and good judgment in order to escape the vigilance of a Department of Justice which seems to be exceedingly tender of the manner in which criminals are treated.

Hoping that you will give orders for a speedy and thorough investigation of the report of Officer Gill, and lend your aid to remedying the evil of which he complains, I am,

Very respectfully,

Mayor.

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P.S. I would not at all be surprised if the report is handed in preliminary to some spectacular raiding to be done by outside persons, nor that some members of the Department were assisting in the worthy cause.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

HARRY LANE,
MAYOR

April 20th., 1909.

Mr. Charles Gritzmacher,
Chief of Police,
C I T Y.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed is the copy of a report left on my desk this morning calling my attention to a number of places where prostitution is said to exist.

I would urgently request that the matter be investigated and the law enforced. I would advise, however, that the officers detailed to the work be cautioned to act with good judgement and not allow themselves to be trapped into any mistake by which the Honorable District Attorney, Mr. Cameron can have them indicted.

If you reason to believe that any members of the police force are willingly permitting the laws to be broken or are engaged in an effort to aid in trapping their brother officers or to break down the efforts which I have been making for law enforcement, I would esteem it a favor if you would deal with them with a heavy hand.

Respectfully,

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Mayor.

To the Honorable Harry Lane, Mayor
of the city of Portland Ore.

Dear Sir:

The following is a partial
list of houses of illfame, to the best of my knowledge
and belief, cigar stores (by whites) Minnie
Ranand 249 Davis street, also 2 places adjoining
Liverpool Dix's saloon at the northwest corner of
2nd and Davis street on 2nd st.

Cigar stores by Negroes, 251 Everett street;
86½ N 2nd st; 89 N 2nd st; 93 N 2nd st
and 246 Flanders street.

Shooting galleries 72-4th street and 44-4th
street

Upstairs over The Thetis saloon "Tony Arnaud
proprietor" girls kept locked in according
evidence about place, at the southeast corner
of 4th and Everett streets.

Japanese in building adjoining the Bon Ton
saloon on ^{the} East on Couch street between 3rd and 4th
streets

Very suspicious lodging houses, The All Nations

85½ on 2nd st. The Kingston, northeast corner
of 3rd and Taylor sts. The Gilbert northwest
corner 3rd and Taylor streets, Yokohama house
(Japanese) 243 Everett street, The Fairmount 6th
street between Burnside and Couch streets.

The Reichelien at the southwest corner of
6th and Couch street I am certain is run as
a house of illfame.

Officer, James C. Gill
Day Relief

Fred Fritzy's Theatre on Burnside street
is the worst of all, soliciting prostitution
selling beer ⁱⁿ the theatre and robbing
when they can.